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CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A therapeutic or preventive agent for hepatitis characterized in that it comprises a complex of a cationic liposome with a double-stranded RNA which is selected from the group consisting of poly(I)·poly(C), mismatched poly(I)·poly(C), poly(A)·poly(U) and mismatched poly(A)·poly(U) and which has a mean chain length within the range of 100 to 500 bp.

2. (Amended) A therapeutic or preventive agent for hepatitis characterized in that it comprises a complex of a drug carrier consisting essentially of 2-O-(2-diethylaminoethyl)carbamoyl-1,3-O-dioleoylglycerol and a phospholipid with a double-stranded RNA of poly(I)·poly(C) or mismatched poly(I)·poly(C) having a mean chain length within the range of 100 to 500 bp.

3. A therapeutic or preventive agent for hepatitis according to Claim 2, wherein the phospholipid is lecithin.

4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)

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